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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1014

**DATE:** May 23, 2011

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Dentists, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Nursing Facilities, Maternal Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Remedial Services Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

The IME successfully launched its provider incentive payment program to encourage the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. Iowa is on the front line of implementing a landmark program to provide incentives to health care providers who adopt certified electronic health records for Medicaid patients.

We want all eligible providers to take part in this program. To help ensure we are doing everything we can to educate providers and promote EHR adoption, we need your feedback. Please complete a short survey at <http://www.tfaforms.com/200224> by August 31, 2011. Let us know how we are doing and what the IME can do to enable provider adoption of health information technology.

Iowa's EHR Incentive Program began January 3, 2011, and was one of the first four states to launch its program. As of May 18, 2011, Iowa Medicaid has already paid 101 eligible providers and hospitals nearly \$4.9 million. We encourage all eligible providers to acquire information on the program and sign up. Eligible professionals can receive up to \$63,750 in federal funds over a six year period. Eligible hospital incentive payments are based on a formula.

For more information on EHR and how to get signed up visit our website at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/EHRIncentives.html> , e-mail us at [imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us) or call Kelly Peiper, Medicaid HIT Provider Incentive Coordinator, at 515-974-3071 or Melissa Brown, Eligibility Program Specialist, at 515-974-3123.